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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR TO THE NETHERLANDS

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1. PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR TO THE NETHERLANDS, FERNANDO MANUEL DA SILVA MARQUES, 46 YEARS OF AGE, HAS A LAW DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LISBON. HE ENTERED THE PORTUGUESE FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1956, SERVING IN MONTREAL AND ZOMBA, MALAWI. IN 1969, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE DIRECTORATE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AS FIRST SECRETARY IN THE EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN AFFAIRS SECTION, SUBSEQUENTLY REACHING THE RANK OF MINISTER-PLENIPOTENTIARY AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. HE IS MARRIED, HAS SEVERAL CHILDREN, AND HE AND HIS WIFE SPEAK EXCELLENT ENGLISH.

2. EMBASSY OFFICERS REPORT THAT AMBASSADOR MARQUES IS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO THE UNITED STATES. BOTH HE AND HIS WIFE ARE WELL ACQUAINTED WITH AMERICANS AND AMERICAN LIVING PATTERNS. MRS. MARQUES, LIVELY AND TALKATIVE, HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST IN AMERICAN LITERATURE. AMBASSADOR MARQUES IS A CONSCIENTIOUS, SOLID, AND MORE RESERVED INDIVIDUAL.

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